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February 4, 1985

TO: Coal File

FROM: Mary M. Boucek, Permit Supervisor/Reclamation Biologist *TM FOR MMB*

RE: Beaver Creek Coal Company, Gordon Creek #2 and #7 Mine, ACT/007/016, #2 and #7, Carbon County, Utah

On January 3, 1985, Larry Dalton, Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) Regional Resource Analyst for DWR in Price, Utah, called to inquire about the status of Beaver Creek Coal Company's (BCCC) wildlife mitigation plan in the approved Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP), particularly whether or not the Company had implemented the big game monitoring study along the Southwest Lease (Gordon Creek #7) conveyor. He said he didn't think the Company had fulfilled this requirement. I told Larry I would inquire about the status of this study immediately.

On January 4, 1985, I wrote a letter to Mr. Dan Guy of BCCC (see attached) which requested that he advise the Division at his earliest convenience as to the status of this monitoring program.

On January 11, 1985, Larry Dalton again contacted me to inform me that Mr. Guy had called him to inquire about when and where he could get the necessary camera equipment to implement the study. The Company had not yet implemented the study nor had they ordered the equipment to do so. BCCC did not advise the Division of this, i.e., they did not contact the Division as requested in the January 4 letter. Rather, the Division was informed by DWR that the study had not been implemented, nor could it be implemented for sometime due to equipment ordering delays.

I immediately discussed the matter with Joe Helfrich and Tom Wright. The general concerns resulted in the issuance of Notice of Violation (NOV) N85-8-2-1. Items for consideration were:

1. Fall big game migration data were not obtained due to the delay in ordering/installing equipment.
2. Spring (1985) big game migration data were jeopardized and probably not obtainable due to the delay in ordering/installing equipment.

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3. The operator, according to Section 10-6 of the approved Southwest Lease MRP, was to have implemented this study within 60 days of commencement of operations at the newly developed Southwest Lease. Approval under the permanent program of this plan was granted August 27, 1985. Operations at this site had already begun prior to this date (the conveyor was already completely constructed) under an approved exploration plan. Therefore, the monitoring study should have commenced within 60 days of August 27, 1985, or by approximately October 26, 1985.
4. Prior to January 11, 1985, the operator had made no attempt to contact DWR or the Division pursuant to ordering or installation of the remote sensing camera equipment. It is surmised that the January 11 contact of DWR was made only because the Division sent an inquiry to the Company January 4, 1985.

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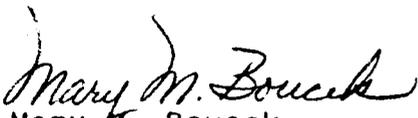
Dear Mr. Guy:

RE: Remote Sensing Camera Monitoring on Conveyor, Beaver Creek Coal Company, Gordon Creek #2 Mine (Southwest Lease), ACT/007/016, Folder No. 2 and 13, Carbon County, Utah

Recently, some questions have arisen concerning the status of BCCC's remote sensing camera monitoring program along the Southwest Lease (Gordon Creek #7) conveyor. As you will recall, Section 10-6 of the Southwest Lease Mining & Reclamation Plan states that this study will be implemented within 60 days of the initiation of operations at this site. The Division is not aware that this study has yet been implemented and is concerned that the cameras be in place and the study initiated prior to spring migration.

Please advise the Division at your earliest convenience as to the status of this monitoring program. Should you need assistance in ordering or installing equipment or in interpreting results, please contact Larry Dalton, Division of Wildlife Resources in Price, at your convenience.

Sincerely,


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